

# New England

## *Ecological Services Field Office*

### *in Rhode Island*

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Headquarters located in Concord, New Hampshire, with satellites in Sunderland, Massachusetts, Old Town, Maine and Charlestown, Rhode Island.

#### Purpose

Field office staff work with landowners, private organizations, government agencies and other partners to conserve fish and wildlife resources in New England.

#### Management Activities

- In partnership with other agencies and organizations, restore populations of plants and animals on the federal List of Threatened and Endangered Species.
- Provide technical assistance to the Army Corps of Engineers to avoid or minimize the environmental impacts of wetland development projects.
- With public and private partners, develop ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate harmful effects of hydropower projects.

- Assess effects of contaminants on fish and wildlife resources, obtain compensation for and restore wildlife injured by contaminants, and resolve contaminant problems on existing and proposed Service lands.
- Carry out the Department of the Interior's responsibilities on oil and chemical spill response teams.
- In partnership with other agencies and conservation organizations, restore degraded habitat and remove barriers to fish passage.

#### Highlights

As natural resource trustee, the Service continues to use part of the \$8 million settlement fund from the 1996 North Cape oil spill to restore injured resources, including loons, piping plovers, shellfish and anadromous fish.

Service and state agency efforts to monitor and enhance the endangered American burying beetle habitat on Block Island confirm an upward trend in the number of beetles there. The Service continues to work with the Roger Williams Park Zoo where American burying beetles are raised for release on Nantucket Island.

Rhode Island's first known nesting pair of threatened bald eagles continues to occupy their territory at Scituate Reservoir and have nested successfully each of the past three years.

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*bald eagle eaglets*

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A new population of the endangered sandplain gerardia has been established on conservation land in hopes of ensuring this plant's continued existence in the state. The only other population of sandplain gerardia in the state continues to decline.

The Service, working with other federal and state agencies, municipalities and private entities, continues to collaborate on voluntary dam removal or fish passage projects to restore fish habitat and passage for diadromous fish.

#### Issues

The Service is assessing natural resource injury and associated monetary damages for the Bouchard oil spill, and is working closely with The Nature Conservancy to document the effects of the oiling of Rhode Island beaches.

